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INDUSTRIAL LABOR FORCE INCREASES

In 1939, 95,210 persons were employed in industry in Bulgaria, as compared with 155,350 in 1947 and 168,236 in 1948, or twice as many as before the war.

By the end of last year, 809,500 persons were employed in some branch of the Bulgarian economy. Unemployment was completely eliminated. A labor shortage is beginning to be felt in many construction projects and enterprises.

According to the Five-Year Plan, the number of workers employed in industry and construction will increase 38.4 and 57.3 percent, respectively in comparison with 1948.

About 60 percent of the new workers will come from rural districts of Bulgaria.

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